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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 8 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) Apparatus for keeping food warm and moist comprising:

a pouch including a layer formed of a film of plastic [sheet] material to provide water impermeability, the pouch being constructed to define [bounds] an insulated and substantially water impermeable food warming chamber;

the pouch having opposing substantially coextensive lips defining a food passage into the food warming chamber;

the lips being formed to provide a passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips;

the passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips causing a partial enclosure of the warming chamber; and

the partial enclosure caused by the passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips and the food warming chamber being constructed to inhibit a build-up of [inhibiting] moisture vapor produced from warm food disposed in the warming chamber [from building up

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in the warming chamber, which prevents] for preventing
warm food disposed in the warming chamber from
becoming soggy and [allows] to allow enough moisture
vapor to remain in the warming chamber for keeping
warm food disposed in the warming chamber moist.

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8. (Twice Amended) Apparatus for keeping food warm and moist comprising:

insulating structure supporting and substantially engulfing a substantially water impermeable plastic film pouch [having] defining a food warming chamber for accommodating food;

the pouch and the insulating structure together providing generally opposing and substantially coextensive lips defining a food passage into the food warming chamber;

the lips being formed to produce a passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips;

the passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips causing a partial enclosure of the warming chamber; and

the partial enclosure caused by the passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips and the food warming chamber being constructed to provide a partial vapor lock in the food warming chamber inhibiting moisture vapor produced from warm food disposed in the warming chamber from building up in the warming chamber, which prevents warm food disposed in the warming chamber from becoming soggy and allows enough moisture vapor to remain in the warming chamber for keeping warm food disposed in the warming chamber moist.

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1. Apparatus for keeping food warm and moist comprising:

a pouch including a layer formed of a film of plastic material to provide water impermeability, the pouch being constructed to define an insulated and substantially water impermeable food warming chamber;

the pouch having opposing substantially coextensive lips defining a food passage into the food warming chamber;

the lips being formed to provide a passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips;

the passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips causing a partial enclosure of the warming chamber; and

the partial enclosure caused by the passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips and the food warming chamber being constructed to inhibit a build-up of moisture vapor produced from warm food disposed in the warming chamber for preventing warm food disposed in the warming chamber from becoming soggy and to allow enough moisture vapor to remain in the warming chamber for keeping warm food disposed in the warming chamber moist.

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8. Apparatus for keeping food warm and moist comprising:

insulating structure supporting and substantially engulfing a substantially water impermeable plastic film pouch defining a food warming chamber for accommodating food;

the pouch and the insulating structure together providing generally opposing and substantially coextensive lips defining a food passage into the food warming chamber;

the lips being formed to produce a passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips;

the passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips causing a partial enclosure of the warming chamber; and

the partial enclosure caused by the passive, non-sealing engagement between the lips and the food warming chamber being constructed to provide a partial vapor lock in the food warming chamber inhibiting moisture vapor produced from warm food disposed in the warming chamber from building up in the warming chamber, which prevents warm food disposed in the warming chamber from becoming soggy and allows enough moisture vapor to remain in the warming chamber for keeping warm food disposed in the warming chamber moist.